

RIPARIAN HEALTH DISTRICT OF PAIGNTON

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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This Report is drawn up in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health contained in Circulars 33/52 and 16/55, and follows the arrangement detailed in Form Port 20.

SECTION 1 - STAFF

TABLE A

NO CHANGE

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING

THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage (Nett)	<u>Number inspected</u>		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Chief Public Health Inspec- tor.	
Foreign Ports	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Coastwise	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND

TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of Passengers INWARDS - Nil.
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	(Number of Passengers OUTWARDS - Nil.
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	(Principal IMPORTS - Nil.
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	(Principal EXPORTS - Nil.
Principal Ports from which ships arrived: Nil.		

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no inland barge traffic in the area.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS)

REGULATIONS, 1952

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the District.

Upton Pyne Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Exeter.
Telephone: Stoke Cannon 207.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the crews.

Arrangements are made by telephone message to the Resident Physician at Whipton Isolation Hospital, Exeter (Telephone: Exeter 67158). The vehicle is supplied by Exeter City Health Department, and is staffed by the hospital. All members of the crew are vaccinated regularly.

- (3) Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

THERE ARE NO approved Smallpox Consultants available LOCALLY. The nearest approved Consultants are:-

Dr. J. Macrae, Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Ham Green, Bristol. Telephone: Bristol 31165.

Dr. E.J.G. Wallace, Health Centre, Westham Road, Weymouth, Dorset. Telephone: Weymouth 1645 & 16.

I understand that neither of them are strictly scheduled to cover this part of Devon since Dr. Macrae is attached to the Oxford Regional Hospital Area and Dr. Wallace covers East Devon and Dorset.

- (4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Specimens would be sent to the Central Public Health Laboratory, (Virus Reference), Colindale, Hendon, London, N.W.4.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND

OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during the year		No. of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ports.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ship of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus, or relapsing fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected case of any such disease.

Nil.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS OF THE OCCURRENCE

OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

NIL.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS

INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

NIL.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS

FROM FOREIGN PORTS

- (1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

If any ships were to arrive from foreign ports, their masters would be asked if there was evidence of the presence of or undue mortality in rats. The Public Health Inspector and Rodent Operator would make any necessary inspections.

- (2) Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

These examinations would be carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, Exeter. None have been sent.

- (3) Arrangements in the District for deratting ships, the methods used and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Masters of ships would be referred to Plymouth for this service.

- (4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

No ships have required rat-proofing.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

Paignton is not an approved port under Article 52 of the International Sanitary Regulations.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of inspections	Notices		Served	Result of serving Notices
	Statutory	Notices	Other Notices	
General .. Nil	-		-	-
TOTAL .. Nil				

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH)

REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1948

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

(Applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens)

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

Paignton Harbour and Main Drainage Scheme

Consequent upon engineering work concerned with the relaying and improvement of the main storm water drainage system in Paignton it was necessary to lay a 66" storm water sewer and outfall across the bed of the harbour. To facilitate this a dam was built across the harbour mouth and the harbour was pumped dry. It was closed to large boats from mid-November 1961, and to all boats from mid-January and was re-opened by the end of March, 1962.

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14th February, 1963.

